



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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KANSAS, Southeast

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Reno - Harvey - Butler - Greenwood - Woodson - Allen - Kingman - Sedgwick - Harper - Sumner - Cowley - Elk - Wilson -
Neosho - Chautauqua - Montgomery - Labette

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Winter Storm

A winter storm moving southeast from the Rockies across Oklahoma produced snowfalls of ranging from 6-15 inches across most of South-Central and Southeast Kansas from Sunday afternoon, the 23rd, to Monday morning, the 24th. The greatest accumulations, 13-15 inches, were measured in Harper County, with Southern Cowley, Southern Chautauqua, and Southern Montgomery counties second with depths of 10-11 inches. North winds of 20-30 mph caused widespread blowing and drifting snow, with visibilities frequently below 1 mile across the warned area.

The snow and blowing snow figured heavily in numerous accidents across the region, including Central Kansas where only 2-4 inch accumulations were measured. The accidents resulted in 21 injuries (7 in Harvey County, 6 in Saline, 4 in Montgomery, 3 in Sedgwick, and 1 in Woodson,) and 1 fatality (in Woodson County). In Saline County, snow accumulations ranged from 2-4 inches, but among the accidents was a 12-vehicle chain-reaction in Salina that closed I-70 for around 2 hours just a few miles east of the I-135 interchange. Reports from AGTAP spotters, co-operative observers and area newspapers were invaluable in the assemblage of this report.

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